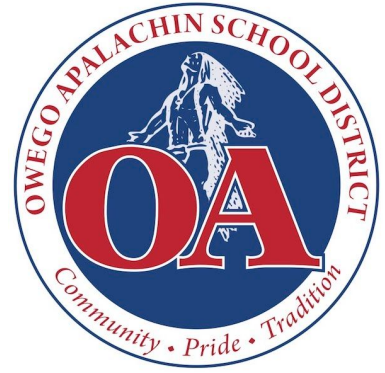


# 2020-2021 School Year Snow Days and Delays



The Owego Apalachin Central School District will continue to follow our typical approach to weather delays and cancelations. In the event of inclement weather, the district will either delay the start of the school day to allow for safe transportation or cancel all in-person and virtual instruction if the weather calls for it.

In the event of a 1HR delay, Elementary Grades (PK-6) will start 1 hour later than their normal start time. Secondary Grades (7-12) will operate on a normal schedule (no delay). In the event of a 2HR delay, Elementary grades (PK-6) will start 2 hours later than their normal start time. Secondary grades (7-12) will attend 1st and 2nd period virtually and at the regular times, and there will be a 1-hour delay to the start of 3rd period. Students will arrive at school in time to begin 3rd period at 12:00pm (noon) and run on an abbreviated schedule for the remainder of the day.

## Communication with Families

In the event of an emergency closing or delay, the Owego Apalachin Central School District will communicate with families via an automated telephone, email, and/or text message. Please ensure contact information and notification settings are updated and accurate with your building and the SchoolMessenger App. Instructions for the SchoolMessenger App can be found on the district communication page here:

[https://www.oacsd.org/Downloads/SchoolMessenger\\_MOBILEAPP\\_HOWTO.pdf](https://www.oacsd.org/Downloads/SchoolMessenger_MOBILEAPP_HOWTO.pdf)

A district-wide push notification will also be sent on the [OACSD App](#). Download the free app today and allow notifications for your specific building(s).

Additionally, up-to-date information on school closings and delays will be posted on our **district website**, as well as on our **Twitter**, and **Facebook** feeds. The district will also contact **local media stations** to share any closing or delay information.

Families are encouraged to develop a plan for delayed start days so that their children may safely remain at home for the additional one or two hours. Families can also utilize the ability to attend class remotely if they feel the need, especially with our older students who drive themselves to and from school. Please communicate with your building.

## One-Hour Delay Procedure (PK-6th Grade Only)

In the event that a one-hour delay is activated, the following procedures will be followed:

- The district will contact local media stations to report the delayed start, and will send notice to families via SchoolMessenger and the OA App. Notices will also be posted on the district website, as well as our Facebook and Twitter feeds.
- PK-6th bus routes will be delayed by exactly one hour.
- PK-6th Grade students will start their school day exactly one hour later than normal (based on their staggered start times).
- Simple breakfasts will be available to students when schools open, and regular lunches will be served at modified times.
- Schools will be dismissed at their normal times at the end of the school day.

- If conditions do not improve within the delayed start time, classes may be canceled for the entire day, and the same methods of notification outlined above will be followed.
- A 1-hr delay called for UPK-6th grade would not change the schedule for 7th-12th grade students.

## **Two-Hour Delay Procedure (PK-6th Grade) \*\*\*(One-Hour Delay for 7th-12th Grade)**

\*\*\*We will call this a 2-HR delay in our communications. Please pay close attention to the message to know what your schedule will look like based on the type of delay called.

In the event that a two-hour delay is activated, the following procedures will be followed:

- The district will contact local media stations to report the delayed start, and will send notice to families via SchoolMessenger and the OA App. Notices will also be posted on the district website and Facebook and Twitter feeds.
- All PK-6th Grade bus routes will be delayed by exactly two hours.
- All 7th-12th Grade bus routes will be delayed by exactly one hour.
- All PK-6th grade levels will start exactly two hours later than normal.
- 7th-12th grade will attend 1st & 2nd period virtually at their normal start times. They will start the 3rd Period on a 1-hour delay, at Noon.
- Secondary school doors will open at 11:40 a.m. Students will follow a condensed bell schedule for all scheduled classes.
- Simple breakfasts will be available to students when schools open, and regular lunches will be served at modified times.
- Schools will be dismissed at their normal times at the end of the school day.
- If conditions do not improve within the delayed start time, classes may be canceled for the entire day, and the same methods of notification outlined above will be followed.